

MINUTES

September 9, 2009

SITE: Como Streetcar Station

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Wasley, Therese Kelly, Jonathan Carter, Susan Bishop, Peter Pha, Paul Middleton, and Betsy Mowry. Andy Trcka arrived at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erick Goodlow

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Jody Martinez, Alice Messer, Gary Korum, and Diana Berchem

GUESTS: Jenny Winkelman, Brit Youngquist, Jan Carr, Brian Simpson, Kelly Bellini, Pete Bolstad

1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Meeting was called at 6:30 pm by Chair Wasley.
- b. The agenda was approved by Commissioner Kelly and 2nd by Commissioner Pha.
- c. Commissioner Kelly noted one correction to the July 2009 minutes. Commissioner Kelly was noted as motioning to approve the Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan and 2nd by Commissioner Moylan. Commissioner Kelly was not in attendance for the July session and Commissioner Moylan is not a current member to the Parks Commission. Correction: Commissioner Mowry motioned to approve Resolution 09-14 Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan and was 2nd by Commissioner Middleton.
- d. The minutes from the July meeting were approved by Chair Wasley and 2nd by Commissioner Middleton.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Resolution 09-15: Gillette Hospital Expansion**
Commissioner Middleton motioned to accept the recommendation as presented and was 2nd by Councilmember Kelly. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent.
- b. **Resolution 09-16: Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan**
Commissioner Kelly motioned to accept the recommendation as presented and was 2nd by Commissioner Pha. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent. Visitor Jenny Winkelman, former member of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Task Force, offered comments in opposition to a dog park. Ms. Winkelman suggested inconsistencies with the Parks and Recreation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Director Hahm responded to Ms. Winkelman commenting on the Comprehensive Plan.
- c. **Resolution 09-12: First Tee Sponsorship Program (continued from July meeting)**
Commissioner Kelly motioned to accept the recommendation as presented and 2nd by Commissioner Mowry. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two commissioners absent.

3. ORGANIZATION ITEMS

a. Tour Evaluation

Director Hahm asked for feedback regarding the 2009 Park Tour held on August 12 for consideration of next year's tour. The Commission enjoyed being on the Como Circulator bus but felt it was hard to hear if sitting towards the back. All felt it was good to visually see Parks and Recreation sites, especially the sites that are proposed to close as well as the Payne/Maryland joint partnership project opportunity between Parks and Recreation and the St. Paul Libraries.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A copy of the Director's Report from August was mailed to the Commission one week ago. Director Hahm reported on the following:

a. 2009 □ 2010 Budget Update

The Mayor's 2010 budget was presented showing the Parks general fund budget to be reduced by 10%, which is no surprise. Performance Measure documents were not available to hand out. Diana Berchem will mail each Commissioner a copy.

b. Storm Water Management policies and the EAB/Street Tree Master Plan issue will be on a future Parks Commission agenda.

c. The Phalen/Keller Master Plan – Commissioners Bishop and Carter requested to be on the Committee.

d. Director Hahm said that he will not be able to attend the October Parks Commission. In his place will be Deputy Director, Kathy Korum.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

a. Dog Park □ Commissioner Mowry: A "dog wash" was held with approximately 120 dogs participating. The event made \$1,000. "Dog Demos" were also held with 200-300 people attending. Commissioner Mowry is also working on putting together a "Santa Paws" photo event in partnership with the Grand Avenue Business Association.

b. 2nd Shift □ Commissioner Mowry: Commissioner Mowry is working on the coordination of producing 25 youth successes listening sessions.

c. Blooming St. Paul □ Commissioner Middleton: The Blooming St. Paul Committee met on August 3. Discussion included updating the website to include more information for the public about identifying plants, rain gardens, the process of mapping gardens, etc.

d. Ayd Mill Committee □ Commissioner Carter: the Ayd Mill project is making progress.

e. Bicycle Advisory Board □ Commissioner Carter: The St. Paul Bike Classic is this weekend – Sunday, September 13. The Jefferson bikeway is making progress.

f. Trees Committee □ Commissioner Pha: Nothing to report.

g. Ramsey County Water and Soil Conservation District □ Chair Wasley: Nothing to report.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Commissioner Kelly and 2nd by Commissioner Middleton to adjourn at 7:40 pm.